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"Listen for what is not being said and who is not saying it. It is possibly your most valuable piece of information."

Bon Voyage!!!!

We also want to wish our long time employee William (Bud) McKiernan the

Procurement and Quality Training Seminar 2005

We regret to inform you that our annual Procurement and Quality Seminar (normally scheduled in May) must be postponed due to our resources being deeply involved in supporting major development efforts on PDREP (a new environment including web PQDR), CPARS (Army Corps of Engineers and Army requirements) and PPIRS (Statistical Reporting Pilot Program). This delay will allow our applications to complete their update processes, resulting in more effective service to our customers and by providing a more beneficial and informative seminar in the future. We plan to reschedule the seminar for early 2006 on the West Coast, to afford more of our west coast customer's an opportunity to attend. We'll keep you posted!

US Army Corps of Engineers Chooses "CPARS"

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the DoD Executive Agent for two past performance collection systems (Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS) and Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS)) that are used across DoD and by some civil agencies. These systems are used to document contractor performance for Architect-Engineer and Construction contracts. ACASS and CCASS have been in existence for over twenty years and USACE recognized the need to step through a modernization effort to improve the functionality of each system. USACE weighed several options, including the possibility of migrating ACASS and CCASS to an existing platform.

USACE recently concluded an in-depth study of three existing past performance collection systems to determine which would be the best fit for their applications. The Naval Sea Logistics Center Detachment Portsmouth, NH, is pleased to announce that USACE has selected CPARS to host modernized versions of the ACASS and CCASS applications. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between USACE and NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth was signed in November of 2004 and development work has already begun.

It is anticipated that the new ACASS and CCASS applications will be available for use on October 01, 2005. However, be advised that the existing ACASS and CCASS applications will continue to be used until further notice. Any questions regarding ACASS or CCASS should be directed to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Contractor Appraisal Information Center:

best of luck. He retired on 3 March 2005 after forty years of government service. He is looking forward to spending his time on the golf course. Congratulations Bud!!!

**Congratulations
Are In Order!!!**

We are proud to announce that two of our Naval Sea Logistics Center Detachment Portsmouth employees have reached major milestones in their careers.

*Bill Batchelder, 35
Years of
Government Service*

*Wendell (Skip)
Smith, 40 Years of
Government Service*

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The Naval Sea Logistics Center Detachment Portsmouth, NH, would like to take this opportunity to welcome the US Army Corps of Engineers and the entire ACASS/CCASS team to CPARS! We are looking forward to working with you!

"CPARS" **DoD's Past Performance Collection System**

On 17 Dec 2004, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) issued a memo requiring the consolidation of the department's past performance collection systems. Specifically, the DPAP E-Business office identified the existence of four duplicative past performance collection systems; the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE), Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS) and Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS), the Army's Past Performance Information Management System (PPIMS), and the Navy's Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS).

During the review process, DoD E-Business recognized that Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, DLA, and several Other Defense Agencies (ODAs) are already using CPARS as their past performance collection system. E-Business was also aware that USACE had recently signed an MOA with Navy (see related article) to transition ACASS and CCASS to CPARS. Since the vast majority of DoD is already using CPARS, or has selected CPARS, DoD decided that CPARS would be the department's core solution for the collection of past performance information. Therefore, the Army is required to transition its PPIMS application to CPARS to support the consolidation effort.

To facilitate the consolidation, a transition team was formed in early November '04 to begin identifying the actions required to migrate PPIMS to CPARS. The team consists of representatives from DPAP E-Business, Army, Navy, and DISA and has had several discussions to plan the migration effort. The team has not yet published a schedule to identify when the transition will occur. However, PPIMS users can rest assured that the transition will be orderly and will include the support needed to make this a successful transition.